

PRAISE HIM MINISTRIES , INC.

Statement of Support for Israel

Praise Him Ministries, Inc. ("PHM") is a parachurch ministry, purposefully supporting the Church. God has called the Church to prayerfully support Israel. The Bible shows that the Lord made a threefold promise to Israel. Therefore, PHM's ministry to Israel is threefold:

Israel the land
Israel the nation
Israel the people

In Genesis 12:1-3 the Lord made a promise to Abram concerning each of these:

Genesis 12:1-3 :

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

When God called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldeans, He promised to give him and his descendants a land. In Genesis 13 the Lord showed him that land:

Genesis 13:14-18:

And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are — northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord.

The Lord told Abraham that the land was for his family to dwell in as an everlasting possession:

Gen 17:4-8:

"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Later, the Lord told Abraham's grandson Jacob that the same land now belonged to him and his descendants. The Lord changed his name to Israel and promised to make him a great nation as well:

Genesis 35:9-15:

Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a

drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

Several hundred years later, after delivering the people of Israel from Egypt, the Lord told Moses to prepare the people to enter the Land that He had given them as an everlasting inheritance:

Numbers 34:1-15:

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Command the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance — the land of Canaan to its boundaries. Your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom; then your southern border shall extend eastward to the end of the Salt Sea; your border shall turn from the southern side of the Ascent of Akrabbim, continue to Zin, and be on the south of Kadesh Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar Addar, and continue to Azmon; the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the Sea. 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western border. 'And this shall be your northern border: From the Great Sea you shall mark out your border line to Mount Hor; from Mount Hor you shall mark out your border to the entrance of Hamath; then the direction of the border shall be toward Zedad; the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This shall be your northern border. 'You shall mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan to Shepham; the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain; the border shall go down and reach to the eastern side of the Sea of Chinnereth; the border shall go down along the Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with its surrounding boundaries.'" Then Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying: "This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which the Lord has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe. For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and the half-tribe of Manasseh has received its inheritance. The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan, across from Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise."

Throughout their history as a nation, when Israel was removed from the land, the Lord always returned them to their land. In 70 AD it appeared they were removed permanently from their land. But the Lord, through several of His prophets, promised to return them to the land:

Ezekiel 36:6-12:

"Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." Therefore thus says the Lord God: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children."

Amos 9:11-15:

"On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the Lord who does this thing. "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, when the plowman shall overtake the reaper,

and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.

Recent events show the Lord keeping His promise to Abraham and his descendants. On May 14, 1948 the State of Israel was created, and God's promise that the Jewish people would again be sovereign in their land was fulfilled. The new State of Israel marked the end of the nearly 2000-year-old exile. Clearly, the Lord has regathered and established Israel geographically and nationally.

Scripture teaches that the Lord desires all His people to support Israel as a land, nation and people. See, e.g., Roms. 15:27, Luke 7:5. God promises to bless those nations who bless Israel. See, e.g., Psalm 122:56. But anyone who seeks to harm Israel will be cursed. See, e.g., Gen. 27:29.

God's word tells us how special the people of Israel are to Him.

2 Samuel 7:23-24

And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name — and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land — before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God.

Deuteronomy 7:6-7

"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 32:9

For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

Malachi 3:17

"They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

God will fulfill all His promises and biblical covenants with Israel, just as he said. Deut. 7:6-9. There is a future salvation of Israel, where God will again specifically turn His attention to the nation of Israel in fulfillment of His promises to them. Rom. 11:25-29; Dan. 9:24-27. In that day, Israel will turn to its Savior. Zech. 12:10. "In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit." Isa. 27:6. God promises a glorious kingdom in which Israel will be restored under her Messiah and the nations of the earth will be blessed. Isa. 2:2-4, 19:24-25; Amos 9:11-15.

To honor these truths, PHM supports Israel in various ways:

- We are involved in raising awareness of Israel's history and future among our local Jewish community and beyond.
- We support ministries investing in Israel as a land and nation.
- We stand with Israel and the Jewish Nation by regularly hosting educational and support events, such as an Orthodox Jewish Passover Seder and Night For Israel, which features speakers and musicians from Israel.
- We provide financial and practical support for Israeli communities.

As we practically support Israel as a land and Nation, we also invest in the people of Israel spiritually. As the Lord has regathered Israel geographically and nationally, Scripture promises He will also regather Israel to Himself personally and spiritually.

Ezekiel 36:24-26:

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

The Apostle Paul addresses the past, present and future of Israel in Romans 9-11. The Lord desires to save His people Israel and use them to draw all men to Himself. But in His lifetime, Israel rejected their own Deliverer, their Messiah, Jesus. This Jesus, who is the coming of God in the flesh, is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham regarding all of the families of the earth being blessed through Israel. Paul explains that their rejection of Jesus doesn't change the Lord's plans to save mankind.

Romans 9:22-26:

What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved." "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God."

Romans 11:1-5:

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Romans 11:11-12:

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

Thus, the Savior of the world came through Israel. By the atoning work of Jesus, who willingly died on a cross for the sins of the world and was raised from the dead three days later, all as foretold by God's prophets, all people, Jew and Gentile alike, are offered the gift of everlasting life.

PHM's mission is to proclaim the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ worldwide. Because we believe the heart of God desires for all men to be saved, we look for opportunities to proclaim the gospel to all nations, tribes and tongues.

We believe that the Lord will keep His promises regarding Israel as a land, a nation and a people. PHM is blessed to be part of the fulfillment of that promise.

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